

Amendment to the Specification

Kindly amend paragraph [0063] as indicated below.

[0063] ~~In the second embodiment, the intermediate securing piece 18 is wider than each of the first 2 and second 2' clips. The intermediate securing piece 18 is securely attached to the first 2 and second 2' clips. This attachment is in such a way that a first piece 32 of clear connecting tape 16 having a side edge 34 substantially equal in length to the length of a side 36 of the first 2 and second 2' clip, respectively, and widths that are greater than the lengths of the distal edge 60 and proximal edge 60' of the first 2 and second 2' clip, respectively, are securely fastened to the inner surfaces 38, 38' of the front side 40, 40' of the first 2 and second 2' clips, respectively, extending beyond the side edges 34, 34' of the first 2 and second 2' clips. A second piece 42 of clear connecting tape 16 has a width equal to the widths of first 32 piece of tape and the intermediate securing piece 18 and a length such that it will cover the outer surfaces 22 of the front sides 40 of the first 2 and second clips 2' and extend lengthwise to cover the intermediate securing piece 18. The second piece 42 of tape 16 is secured to the flat front surfaces 20 of the front sides 40, 40' of the first 2 and second 2' clips and to those portions of the first piece of tape 32 that extend beyond the edges 36, 36' of the first 2 and second 2' clips. The front surface 26 of the intermediate securing piece 18 is attached to the rear surface 44 of the second piece 42 of tape 16 and is thus attached to each of the clips 2, 2'.~~

In the device 6 of the second embodiment, there is an intermediate securing piece 18, two first connector pieces 32, a second connector piece 42, and first 2 and second 2' clips. In describing all parts of this embodiment the term "width" refers to

that dimension which extends along a line from one side edge 34, 34' of a clip 2, 2' to the other side edge 34, 34' of a clip 2, 2' and the term "length" refers to that dimension which extends along a line longitudinally from the distal edge 60 to the proximal edge 60' of the first 2 and second 2' and from the first clip 2 to the second clip 2'. The "ends" of parts appear at either terminal of their lengths. The width of the first connector piece 32 is substantially equal to the width of the intermediate securing piece 18. The width of the second connector piece 42 is substantially equal to the width of the intermediate securing piece 18. The length of the first connector piece 32 is substantially equal to the length of a side edge 34 of the clip 2, 2' to which the first connector piece 32 is attached. The length of the second connector piece 42 is substantially equal to the sum of the lengths of the intermediate securing piece 18 and the two clips 2, 2'. The intermediate securing piece 18 is securely attached to the first 2 and second 2' clips. This attachment involves the use of two first connector pieces 32 which are preferably made of clear connecting tape 16 and a second connector piece 42 which is likewise preferably made of clear connecting tape 16. One first connector piece 32 is fastened to the inner surface 38 of the front side 40 of the first clip 2. Another first connector piece 32 is fastened to the inner surface 38' of the front side 40' of the second clip 2'. The side edges of the first connector piece 32 extend beyond the side edges 34, 34' of the first 2 and second 2' clips. The second connector piece 42 is secured to the flat front surfaces 20 of the front sides 40, 40' of the first 2 and second 2' clips and to those portions of the first connector piece 32 that extend beyond the edges 36, 36' of the first 2 and second 2' clips. The front surface 26 of the intermediate securing piece 18 is attached to the rear surface 44 of the second connector piece 42 and is thus securely attached to each of the clips 2, 2'.